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SUBJECT: LOS PLENARY DECISIONS ON FINAL REPORT AND SCHEDULING;
MICRONESIAN STATEMENT; AND JAMAICA SITE OF FUTURE
INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY

1. CONF PLENARY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TODAY FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GENERAL COMITE:

(A) FINAL WORK OF THIS SESSION SHALL CONSIST OF (1) CONCISE,
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FACTUAL, INFORMATIVE, NON-CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS OF WORK OF

EACH MAIN COMITE; (2) ORAL STATEMENT BY CHAIRMEN OF MAIN COMITES SUMMING UP PROGRESS OF WORK TO DATE; (3) STATEMENT BY RAPPORTEUR GENERAL OF WORK IN PLENARY; (4) FINAL ORAL STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT SUMMING UP WORK OF CONF; AND (5) PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRES OF UNGA REGARDING CONF SCHEDULING AND ACTION TAKEN BY CONF ON INVITATIONS TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. (ISRAEL REQUESTED THEIR RESERVATIONS BE RECORDED ON LAST ISSUE.)

(B) CONFERENCE SCHEDULING: RECOMMENDATION TO UNGA THAT NEXT SESSION OF CONF SHOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA FROM 17 MAR TO 10 MAY. (SYG'S SPECIAL REP INDICATED WHO HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND THERE APPEARS TO BE NO DIFFICULTY IN THEIR POSTPONING THEIR MEETING UNTIL 12 MAY.)

(C) FINAL, FORMAL SESSION OF CONF WILL BE HELD IN CARACAS. (SOVS, FRANCE AND FRG SUCCEEDED IN HAVING REFERENCE TO DATES OF JULY-AUG 1975 REMOVED FROM THIS GENERAL COMITE RECOMMENDATION. THEY STATED SCHEDULING FINAL SESSION WAS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME AND THIS DECISION SHOULD BE LEFT TO NEXT CONF SESSION. AMERASINGHE NOTED HOWEVER THAT THERE WAS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR DECISION THAT CONF SHOULD HOLD WHATEVER MEETINGS ARE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE WORK IN 1975 AND UNGA FIFTH COMITE MUST BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.)

2. BRIEF STATEMENTS WERE MADE REQUESTING SPECIAL OBSERVER STATUS AT NEXT SESSION BY AUSTRALIA (FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA), NEW ZEALAND (FOR COOK ISLANDS), AND NETHERLANDS (FOR SURINAM AND NETHERLANDS ANTILLES). PRESIDENT STATED AN APPROPRIATE GENERAL FORMULA COVERING INVITATIONS TO TERRITORIES SUCH AS THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONF 28 AUG.

3. (NOTE: AMERASINGHE HAD DECIDED YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD NOT GIVE FLOOR TO DELEGATES FOR ABOVE STATEMENTS AND TO U.S FOR MICRONESIAN REP. HE WAS PERSUADED TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE WHERE HEAD OF DELEGATION WOULD SPEAK VERY BRIEFLY ON BEHALF OF THEIR TERRITORIES.) U.S. (AMB. STEVENSON) MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QTE PURSUANT TO ITS TRUST RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, THE UNITED STATES HAS MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE IN SAIPAN AND UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON WITH MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. WE HAVE ON THOSE OCCASIONS DISCUSSED THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND HAVE TRIED TO TAKE THESE INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT IN THE FORMULATION OF OUR POSITIONS HERE, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSIFIED NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES OUR POSITIONS DO NOT IN ALL RESPECTS COINCIDE WITH THE VIEWS OF THE MICRONESIANS AND WE DO NOT FULLY AGREE WITH ALL OF THE CONCLUSIONS

REACHED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE REGARDING THE BEST MEANS FOR
ACCOMMODATING MICRONESIA'S INTERESTS.

ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE
MICRONESIANS TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THEIR VIEWS AND INTERESTS
THEMSELVES, AND I AM PLEASED TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF SENATOR
ANDON AMARAICH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS
OF MICRONESIA WHO IS AN ADVISE TO THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO
THE CONFERENCE, ON BEHALF OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. UNQTE

4. AMERASINGHE THANKED SEN. AMARAICH FOR HIS COOPERATION IN NOT
DELIVERING ORAL STATEMENT AND INDICATED TEXT WOULD APPEAR AS
CONFERENCE DOCUMENT AS WELL.

5. COLOMBIA, ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF 77, ANNOUNCED THEIR DECISION
(BY CONSENSUS) TO ENDORSE JAMAICA AS SITE OF HEADQUARTERS FOR
FUTURE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY. (NOTE: THIS ISSUE WILL NOT
BE TAKEN UP UNTIL NEXT SESSION.)
STEVENSON

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